

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Allegation of corruption against Sri Gurrapu Laxman, Panchayat Secretary and I/c Village Revenue Officer, Jeelakunta Village, Odela Mandal, Karimangar District – Sanction for Prosecution - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIG.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 785

Dt.29-07-2009

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Gurrapu Laxman, worked as Panchayat Secretary, Gumpula Village and incharge Village Revenue Officer of Jeelakunta Village, Odela Mandal, Karimnagar district during the period from 1.7.2002 to 4.4.2008 and as such he is a public servant within the meaning of clause (c) of section (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

And whereas, it is alleged that the Sri Erukulla Veeresham, S/o Late Rajaiah is a resident of Jeelakunta Village, Odela Mandal, Karimnagar District and eking out his lively hood by running Mini Rice Mill at his village. On 19-5-2007, Sri Erukulla Veeresham purchased agricultural land to an extent of 28 Guntas in Sy.No.649/A, situated at his village outskirts from his villager Sri Puppala Ramachandram for a sale consideration of Rs.1,71,000/- and got it registered in his name at the Sub-Registrar's Office, Peddapally, vide Sale Deed No.2766/2007. Six months prior to giving complaint, Sri Erukulla Veeresham submitted an application to his village Revenue Officer, Sri Gurrapu Laxman along with copy of sale deed and Pattadar Pass book to include the details of said agriculture land in his Pattadar Passbook, for which, Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer informed that he would return his passbook after getting it attested by the Tahasildar within 15 days. After one month Sri E.Veeresham met Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer and asked for return of his pass book, on which Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer demanded to pay an amount of Rs.1500/- as bribe for doing official favour to deliver the pattadar pass book after getting attested by the Tahsildar in respect of agricultural land to an extent of 28 Guntas in Sy.No.649/A, situate at Jeelakunta village. Sri E.Veeresham expressed his inability to pay such huge amount. But Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer did not heed to his plea. Afterwards Sri E.Veeresham met Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer several times and requested for return of his pattadar pass book. But Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer re-iterated his earlier demand of bribe of Rs.1500/-. Finally, on 25-3-2008, Sri E.Veeresham met Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer at his office and requested about his pattadar passbook, on which, the Village Revenue

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Officer informed him that the pattadar pass book was received from the Tahsildar after getting his attestation and it would be delivered to him, if he pays the demanded bribe amount of Rs.1500/-. On the persistent requests of Sri E.Veeresham, the Village Revenue Officer did not heed to his plea. As there was no option left, Sri E.Veeresham reluctantly agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount to Village Revenue Officer within 2 or 3 days;

And whereas, Sri Erukulla Veeresham was not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer, he approached the Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar on 31-3-2008 at 10.00 AM and lodged a telugu written complaint with a request to take necessary action against him. The Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, after due verification registered a case in Cr.No.5/ACB-KNR/2008, under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 1-4-2008 at 9.00 AM and investigated into;

And whereas, Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer, Jeelakunta Village, Odela Mandal, Karimnagar district demanded and accepted an amount of Rs.1500/- as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration from the said Sri Erukulla Veeresham at Sri Kamakshi Modern Rice Mill, Jeelakunta village pertaining to Sri E.Veeresham on 4-5-2008 at about 12:10 P.M and he was trapped by the Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar Range, Karimnagar. The tainted amount of Rs.1500/- was recovered at his instance found in the wearing shirt pocket of Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer. The both hand fingers of Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer yielded positive results, when subjected to sodium Carbonate Solution test. When the contact portion of wearing shirt pocket of Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer in which the tainted amount was kept was subjected to Sodium Carbonate solution test, it yielded positive result. The Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar seized the tainted amount of Rs.1500/- with the attestation of mediators. The connected Record/Documents have been seized from the instance of Sri G.Laxman, Village Revenue Officer and Sri Erukulla Veeresham, with the attestation of mediators;

And whereas, the above said acts of Sri G.Laxman, Panchayat Secretary, worked as incharge Village Revenue Officer, Jeelakunta village, Odela Mandal, Karimnagar district constitute an offence punishable under section 7 and sub-section(2) of section 13 readwith clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988);

5. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove, the said Sri G.Laxman, Panchayat Secretary, worked as incharge Village Revenue Officer, Jeelakunta village, Odela Mandal, Karimnagar district from his office after carefully examining the material placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and considered that the said Sri G.Laxman, should be prosecuted in a competent court of law for the aforesaid offences.

6. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause(b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri G.Laxman, Panchayat Secretary, worked as incharge Village Revenue Officer, Jeelakunta village, Odela Mandal, Karimnagar district for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 readwith clause(d) of sub-section(1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and also for taking cognizance of the said offence by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General
Anti Corruption Bureau
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER